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CIA protest: A little red paint, lots of civility

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A protest against a CIA recruiter conducting job interviews on the University of Iowa campus on Wednesday was highlighted by red paint and civility.

Security precautions at the Iowa Memorial Union where the Central Intelligence Agency agent was situated went unchallenged by members of CIA Off Campus, who have threatened to disrupt interviews.

In fact, protesters were having little success in handing out anti-CIA literature to students who were permitted to walk up a staircase to UI's Placement Center office.

About 1 p.m. Wednesday, four protesters presented a petition containing what they said were 800 signatures of faculty and students to Phillip Jones, UI dean of students. The petition demanded that the agency be barred from conducting interviews on campus because of its violent activities.

A half hour later, the protesters stood on the steps of Jessup Hall,

UI's administration building, and condemned the stand of UI officials.

"Now their inaction has forced us to act," said Bruce Nestor, a UI junior. "In our name, people are dying. We say enough. We will no longer share in the transfer of blame and blood."

That was a signal for Ann Roan, a political science major, to step forward and dump an Army helmet filled with red paint on the steps of Jessup Hall. The symbolic blood splattered on reporters and photographers gathered around the protesters.

Before the protesters dispersed, Nestor said they will hold a rally on the Pentacrest at noon today, then march to the union to confront the CIA recruiter.

By 3:10 p.m., the red paint was cleaned from the steps.